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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE YEAR 2000 PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES

11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Conference Room 3

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	56th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/311, A/54/355)

   (b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.24/Rev.1, A/54/L.27)

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

2. University for Peace [21]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.30)

3 p.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/445) [35]

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 2

Questions relating to information [91] (A/54/21 and Add.1, A/54/415)

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 42nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.38

(c) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.36, L.37 and L.40

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(b) Business and development

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.24

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.12 and L.33

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	51st meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women [109]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91

3. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.85

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.80

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	52nd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.93, L.94 and L.95

2. Human rights questions [116]

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/54/L.86, L.87/Rev.1, L.96, L.97 and L.98

3. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.59, L.60, L.67, L.70 and L.72-L.78

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1 Vol. II, A/54/7 and A/54/16 (Part I: Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, Section 2. General Assembly Affairs and conference services (A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19 and A/53/833); Part II: Political affairs, Section 3. Political affairs, Section 4. Disarmament, Section 5. Peacekeeping operations, Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space; Part III: International justice and law, Section 7. International Court of Justice, Section 8. Legal affairs (A/53/643))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160] (A/54/37, A/54/301 and Add.1, A/C.6/54/L.2, A/C.6/54/2)

2. Report of the Committee on the Relations with the Host Country [157] (A/54/26)

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.17

3. Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations [161]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.20

4. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

   Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.6

5. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

   International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.16

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES

6 p.m.	425th meeting	Conference Room 8

Review of a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11)

[In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).]

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNEP budget mock-up
2. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001: Section 26 (Public information)
3. Executive session on the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 18 November 1999

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10.30 a.m - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND THE GROUP OF 77

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)

6 p.m.- 7 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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There will be a closed meeting of the Quadripartite Coordination Committee on International Cooperation on Chernobyl *(at the ministerial level) today*, 18 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) *today*, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 19 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 58th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.29)*

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [20 (c)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.22)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

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* To be issued.

Committees

	SECOND COMMITTEE			THIRD COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6	10 a.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6	3 p.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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Special meeting

There will be a meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), from 22 to 24 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyedije, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel: (212) 963-4420).

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Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran. will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

54th plenary meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]: *marking of the end of the United Nations Decade of International Law*:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/362 and Add.1)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/381)

(c) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/609)

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The representative of the Secretary-General made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 154.

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Hans Van Mierlo, Minister of State of the Netherlands, the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Croatia, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Yemen, the Sudan (on behalf of the African group), Cameroon, South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Countries), Mexico and Cuba.

55th plenary meeting

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]: *marking of the end of the United Nations Decade of International Law*:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/362 and Add.1)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/381)

(c) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/609)

Statements were made by the representatives of Mozambique, Ecuador, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mongolia, India, Ghana, Colombia, Lesotho, Norway, Saudi Arabia, Burkina Faso, Peru, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and China.

In accordance with the decision taken at the 54th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/3 of 13 October 1993, the observer for the Permanent Court of Arbitration made a statement.

The Rapporteur of the Sixth Committee introduced the report of the Committee on agenda item 154.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Sixth Committee in paragraph 15 of its report (A/54/609) (resolutions 54/27 and 54/28).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 154.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 23rd meeting

Questions relating to information [91]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kuwait, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bangladesh, Algeria, Senegal, Yemen, Myanmar, Chile, the Netherlands (on behalf of the Western Group, including Member States of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union: Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country members of the EEA: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway), Belarus and Tunisia.

A statement was made by the representative of UNESCO.

A statement was also made by the representative of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 49th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Pakistan and Armenia.

A statement was made by the observer of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

The Director of the New York Liaison Office of the High Commissioner to the United Nations made concluding remarks.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of item 111.

50th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that he had been informed by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.8/Rev.1 (Question of the death penalty) and by the sponsors of the amendments thereto that they did not intend to pursue their initiatives at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly. The Committee therefore decided not to consider draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.8/Rev.1 and the amendments thereto.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 116 (a) (Human Rights Questions: implementation of human rights instruments).

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89

The representative of Guyana, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Austria, Azerbaijan, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands and Spain introduced the draft resolution.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91

The representative of the Russian Federation, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Canada introduced the draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out a statement of conference servicing implications.

The Secretary read out the corrections which had been made to the text when introduced.

It was announced that Cambodia, Colombia, India, Nepal and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised resolution, as corrected, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Saudi Arabia made a statement; after the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Cuba made a statement.

*Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.4 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.88**

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out a statement from the Controller.

The Committee adopted the amendment to the draft resolution, as amended, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.22/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the main sponsor of the revised draft resolution was Algeria.

The representative of Algeria corrected and revised the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/54/69-E/1999/8.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 107.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.57

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions:

A/C.3/54/L.71/Rev.1

The representative of Egypt, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Afghanistan, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Myanmar, Nigeria, Qatar, Rwanda, South Africa, the Sudan, Uganda, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, introduced and orally revised the revised draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.79

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.83

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as as well as the Central African Republic, Cyprus, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Greece, Kazakhstan, Lesotho, Malta, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Ukraine, Venezuela and Zambia, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.84

The representative of South Africa, on behalf the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.82

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Estonia, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, the Netherlands, New Zealand and San Marino, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Introduction of the amendment to A/C.3/54/L.60 contained in A/C.3/54/L.92

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the amendment to the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions:

A/C.3/54/L.64

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Brazil, Cameroon, Croatia, India, Indonesia, Ireland, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Thailand, and Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Guinea, Liberia, Madagascar, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, Turkey, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.65

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Cameroon and Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.66

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Cameroon, Croatia, the Philippines and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Equatorial Guinea and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.68

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Belgium, Colombia, Croatia, Georgia, Japan, Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Spain and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.69

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Armenia, Colombia, Croatia, Malta and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uruguay joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution a statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1999

405th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Uzbekistan (CAT/C/32/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of information submitted under article 20 of the Convention [5]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

406th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the initial report of Azerbaijan and continued its consideration of the initial report of the Kyrgyz Republic.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 403rd meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 1999

32nd meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Bulgaria (E/1994/104/Add.16).

33rd meeting

The Committee began its consideration of the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons. New York, 28 September 1954

Accession: Swaziland (16 November 1999)*

Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness. New York, 30 August 1961

Accession: Swaziland (16 November 1999)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Lithuania (16 November 1999)*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The fourth United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "Mirror or Map?: The Impact of Television on Peace and Development", organized by the Department of Information (DPI), with the support of the Permanent Missions of Italy and Japan to the United Nations, will be held on 18 and 19 November 1999.

The Forum will be opened *today*, 18 November, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4, by Mr. Kensaku Hogen, Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information. H.E. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, President of the General Assembly, and H.E. Mr. Francesco Paolo Fulci, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations and President of the Economic and Social Council, will address the Forum.

Following the opening of the Forum, there will be a dialogue on the theme "Television and the United Nations" between the Secretary-General and three prominent figures from the field of television news, Mr. Tom Brokaw, Anchor and Managing Editor, NBC News; Mr. Jean-Pierre Elkabbach, Chroniqueur éditorialiste, Europe 1; and Mrs. Charlayne Hunter-Gault, Johannesburg Bureau Chief, CNN.

From 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., three parallel workshops will take place as follows: a news workshop on "Setting the Agenda: Television News as Stakeholder not Spectator" in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; an education workshop on "Television as Tutor: From Distance Learning to Edutainment" in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and a development workshop on "Communication for Social Change: Social Responsibility and the Role of the Television" in Conference Room 4.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 18 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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New United Nations stamps

Today, 18 November 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Education - Keystone to the 21st Century". The denominations of the new stamps will be 33 cents, 60 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 7 and S 13.

The new stamps, first-day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new issue are available in circular ST/IC/ 1999/93.

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Exhibit

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until *today*, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

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The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 19 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone

Briefing by the Secretariat

Iraq (S/1999/1162 and S/1999/1180)*

Other matters

Role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts

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* With a view to a formal meeting.

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 58th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/445) [35]

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

   (a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

   (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions [20 (b)]:

      (i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.29)

   (c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [20 (c)]:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/449)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.22)

   (d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]

   (e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

3 p.m. 59th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

   (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

   (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

1. Report of the coordinators/facilitators on the status of consultations on the following draft proposals:

   A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology); A/C.2/54/L.5 (Operational activities); A/C.2/54/L.6 (Technical cooperation among developing countries); A/C.2/54/L.7 (Conservation of forestry of Central Africa); A/C.2/54/ L.9 (Development through partnership); A/C.2/ 54/L.10 (Human resources); A/C.2/54/L.11 (International Conference on Migration); A/C.2/54/L.13 (Habitat II); A/C.2/54/ L.14 (Agenda 21); A/C.2/54/L.16 (World Solar Programme); A/C.2/54/L.17 (UNEP); A/C.2/54/L.20 (International development strategy); A/C.2/54/L.21 (Women in development); A/C.2/54/L.26 (Turin College); A/C.2/54/ L.27 (Industrial Development of Africa); A/C.2/54/L.28 (International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction); A/C.2/54/L.29 (El Niño); A/C.2/54/L.30 (UNITAR); A/C.2/54/L.31(Economic and Social Council)

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.9 *(item 99 (g))*, A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35 *(item 98 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.36, L.37 and L.40 *(item 97 (c))*, A/C.2/54/L.38 *(item 97 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.26 and L.30 *(item 102)* and A/C.2/54/L.31 *(item 12)*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.91, L.94, L.95 and L.99

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18 and Add.1)

3. Human rights questions [116]

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.62 and amendments in L.101, L.71/Rev.1, L.79, L.83, L.84 and L.85*

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.58, L.60 and amendments in L.92, L.63, L.76, L.81 and amendments in L.93, L.82 and amendments in L.97, L.86 and amendments in L.96 and L.87/Rev.1

4. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on document A/C.3/54/L.100

5. Closure of the work of the session

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* Reissued for technical reasons.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	39th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work
2. Human resources management [164] (A/53/955, A/54/257, A/54/272, A/54/276, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/2, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/54/164, A/54/165, A/C.5/54/4, A/C.5/54/21 and A/54/450)

   Introduction and general discussion
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

   Human resources management [164]

   Gratis personnel (A/53/1028, A/54/470 and A/54/533)

   Introduction and general discussion
4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

   Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/54/30) (A/54/434)

   Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

   (A/54/443 and A/54/7/Add.2)

   Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B)

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152] (A/C.6/54/L.12)
2. Establishment of an international criminal court [158]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.8/Rev.1
3. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.19
4. United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [153]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.14
5. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/C.6/54/L.21)

   Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. UNCTAD
2. Steps taken with the United Nations system and with Member States to resolve the Year 2000 date conversion of computers

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21 (Women in development) (item 99 (c)) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 19 November 1999

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

AFRICAN GROUP
(on Fifth Committee matters)

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 39th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 22 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 60th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.62)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	44th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	56th meeting	Conference Room 1

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by *today*, 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Third Committee *(on item 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))* on Monday, 22 November 1999, at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Special meeting

There will be a (closed) meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), from 22 to 24 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyedije, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel: (212) 963-4420).

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Panel discussions

A panel entitled "NGOs for Women 2000 (Beijing+5): Setting Targets", organized by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mrs. Yakin Ertürk, Director of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mrs. Patricia Flor, Chair, Commission on the Status of Women, Mrs. Christine Kapalata, Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania, and Mrs. Rose Odera, Chair, Preparatory Committee for Beijing+5, will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are welcome to attend.

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

56th plenary meeting

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/311 and A/54/355)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.24/Rev.1 and A/54/L.27)

The representative of Colombia made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L. 24/Rev.1.

The representative of Honduras made a statement.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.27.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway, India, Venezuela, Japan, the United States, Brazil, Canada, Argentina, Uruguay and Spain.

The General Assembly was informed that it would take action on draft resolutions A/54/L.24/Rev.1 and A/54/L.27 at a later date to allow time for the review of their programme budget implications.

University for Peace [21]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.30)

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement in the course of which she introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/54/L.30.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Argentina, Bangladesh and Haiti.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.30, as orally revised (resolution 54/29).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 21.

57th plenary meeting

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/445) [35]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observers of the Holy See and Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 35.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Croatia, Norway, the United States, Thailand, San Marino, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Canada, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, France, Egypt, the Sudan, Mozambique, Japan, China, the Russian Federation, Nicaragua, Pakistan and Peru.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

24th meeting

Questions relating to information [91]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, the United Republic of Tanzania, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Ethiopia, Liberia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cameroon, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Malaysia, the United States and Indonesia.

A statement was made by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of his position before the decision.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions A and B and the draft decision contained in documents A/54/21 and Add.1.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 91.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made the representatives of Algeria (on behalf of the African States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Asian States) and Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States).

SECOND COMMITTEE 42nd meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.38

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Mexico.

(c) Trade and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.37

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, as well as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uzbekistan.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.40

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sectoral policy questions [98]

(b) Business and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.34

The representative of the United States introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Japan and Norway.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.35

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.39

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.24

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Chairman of the Committee read out an amendment to the draft resolution and the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.12 and L.33

The Committee resumed consideration of the item.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Alexandru Niculescu, (Romania), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.33 and orally corrected the text.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

THIRD COMMITTEE 51st meeting

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Guyana announced that Croatia, the United Kingdom and Luxembourg had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the Dominican Republic orally corrected the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 109.

Human rights questions [116]

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.80

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

It was announced that Afghanistan, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Austria, Germany, Malta and Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Haiti made a statement.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

52nd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.94

The representative of the Sudan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Guinea, Mauritania and Turkey, introduced the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.95

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belarus, Brazil, Burkina Faso, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Latvia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Paraguay, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Suriname and Venezuela, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, India withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.99

The representative of Algeria, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Croatia, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.85

The representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China, introduced the draft resolution.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.86

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Japan, Pakistan and Poland introduced the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic proposed an oral amendment to the text.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.87/Rev.1

The representative of Canada introduced and orally revised the revised draft resolution.

Introduction of amendment to A/C.3/54/L.86 contained in A/C.3/54/L.96

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced and orally revised the amendment to the draft resolution.

Introduction of amendment to A/C.3/54/L.82 contained in A/C.3/54/L.97

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced the amendment to the draft resolution.

Introduction of amendment to A/C.3/54/L.81 contained in A/C.3/54/L.98

The representative of the United States withdrew the amendment to the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.67

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Sri Lanka had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States made a statement during the course of which he requested a separate recorded vote on the tenth preambular paragraph of the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Mexico.

The representative of Sri Lanka withdrew his country from the list of sponsors.

The Committee adopted the tenth preambular paragraph by a recorded vote of 121 to 1, with 19 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as a whole, without a vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Singapore.

A/C.3/54/L.70

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Kazakhstan had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The representatives of Norway and Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia – and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland) made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 93 to none, with 63 abstentions

The representatives of Lebanon, Argentina, the Syrian Arab Republic, the United States, Chile, Mexico and Liechtenstein made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

A/C.3/54/L.72

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction, as well as a statement by the Controller.

It was announced that Canada and Malta had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Cambodia made a statement.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.73

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Madagascar had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote, after which a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

A/C.3/54/L.74

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Nigeria and Madagascar had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Nigeria withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA countries members of the EEA, Iceland and Liechtenstein) made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 78 to 57, with 14 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

A/C.3/54/L.75

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Madagascar had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 88 to 1, with 68 abstentions

The representatives of Chile and Mexico made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

The representative of Cuba then made a statement.

A/C.3/54/L.77

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Greece, Ireland, Jordan, the Philippines and Tunisia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ghana, Nigeria, the Republic of Moldova, the Sudan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.78

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Canada orally revised the draft resolution.

It was announced that France, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Panama joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

The representative of India made a statement.

Human rights questions [116]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.59

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Liechtenstein and Malta had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Jordan made a statement.

The representatives of Egypt, El Salvador, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Yemen made statements in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 60 to 41, with 53 abstentions.

The representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Guatemala, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Japan, Brazil and the Philippines made statements in explanation of vote after the vote.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of work.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Note: The summary of the 35th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/224).

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR THE YEAR 2000 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly (Namibia) opened the meeting and made a statement. The UNHCR Director for Communications and Information made a statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives of Denmark, Germany, Sweden, Malaysia, Hungary, Turkey, Thailand, Algeria, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Japan, Norway, the Netherlands, the United States and Switzerland.

The Chairman announced that pledges had also been received from Benin, China, Ghana, Monaco, Uganda, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

A closing statement was made by the UNHCR Director for Communications and Information.

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COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES 425th meeting

Review of a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Argentina, Japan, Chile, Kenya, France, Bahamas, Jamaica, the Russian Federation, Austria and Algeria. Statements were also made by the Deputy to the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, and the Chief, Central Planning and Coordination Service, Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services.

The Committee remained seized of the matter.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1999

407th meeting

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

408th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the initial report of the Kyrgyz Republic and continued its consideration of the initial report of Uzbekistan.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 405th meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 1999

34th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Bulgaria (E/1994/104/Add.16) in closed meeting.

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16).

35th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Ratification: Slovenia (17 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The fourth United Nations World Television Forum on the theme "Mirror or Map?: The Impact of Television on Peace and Development", organised by the Department of Information (DPI), with the support of the Permanent Missions of Italy and Japan to the United Nations, will continue *today*, 19 November 1999.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., three parallel workshops will take place as follows: a news workshop on "From the Front Lines: News Reporting of Armed Conflicts", in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; an education workshop on "Enhance, Enlighten and Enrich: Balancing Education and Entertainment in Children's Programming", in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and a development workshop on "Myths and Opportunities: Globalization Means New Markets to Some and Cultural Imperialism to Others", in Conference Room 4.

The closing plenary session will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibit

The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 22 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 60th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A 54/445) [35]

2. Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A 54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A 54/L.31)

   (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A 54/461)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A 54/L.28)

(continued overleaf)

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A 54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A 54/L.32)

3 p.m. 61st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A 54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A 54/L.31)

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(ii) Draft resolution (A 54/L.32)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

1. Report of the coordinators/facilitators on the status of consultations on the following draft proposals:

A/C.2/54/L.2 (Debt); A/C.2/54/L.3 (Poverty); A/C.2/54/L.8 (Desertification); A/C.2/54/L.15 (Biological diversity); A/C.2/54/L.18 (Global climate); A/C.2/54/L.19 (Globalization); A/C.2/54/L.22 (Linkages and synergies); A/C.2/54/L.23 (Small island developing States); A/C.2/54/L.25 (International Conference on Financing for Development); A/C.2/54/L.34 (Business and development); A/C.2/54/L.35 (Business and development); A/C.2/54/L.36 (International trade and development); A/C.2/54/L.37 (Landlocked developing countries); A/C.2/54/L.38 (Net transfer of resources); A/C.2/54/L.39 (Least developing countries)

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daul Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 *(item 100 (b))* and A/C.2/54/L.29 *(item 100 (b))*

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

1. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.34 and L.35 *(item 98 (b))*, A/C.2/54/L.39 *(item 99 (f))*, A/C.2/54/L.9 *(item 99 (g))* and A/C.2/54/L.10 *(item 99 (d))*

2. Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.4 *(item 97 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.30 *(item 102)*, A/C.2/54/L.31 *(item 12)* and A/C.2/54/L.40 *(item 97 (c))*

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	55th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	56th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.62 (and amendments in L.101), L.71/Rev.1, L.79, L.84 and L.85

2. Human rights questions [116]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.63, L.81 (and amendments in L.93), L.82 (and amendments in L.97) and L.86 (and amendments in L.96)

3. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114] (A/54/18 and Add.1)

4. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Action on document A/C.3/54/L.100

5. Closure of the work for the session

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/53/688, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. United Nations Observer Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUC)

2. Programme budget implications of the draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42/Rev.1

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.21 (Women in development) (item 99(c)) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2550.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 22 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

(on item 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E
Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

* Following the adjournment of the 55th meeting of the Third Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 56th meeting of the Third Committee.

GROUP OF 77

(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

(coordination meeting on all pending issues)

6 p.m.- 8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

AFRICAN GROUP

(on Fifth Committee matters)

6.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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The meeting of the Working Group of the African Ministers of Civil Service for the follow-up of the Rabat Declaration, organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 22 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a closed meeting of the South Pacific Countries (SOPAC) on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Special meeting

There will be a (closed) meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), on Monday, 22 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyejide, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel. (212) 963-4420).

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Panel discussions

A panel entitled "NGOs for Women 2000 (Beijing+5): Setting Targets", organized by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Mrs. Yakin Ertürk, Director of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Mrs. Patricia Flor, Chair, Commission on the Status of Women, Mrs. Christine Kapalata, Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania, and Mrs. Rose Odera, Chair, Preparatory Committee for Beijing+5, will be among the participants. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are welcome to attend.

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The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously scheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 29 (a)

The delegation of Sweden invites all delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations", to be held on Tuesday, 23 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 29 November 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

All representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language". Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November, 6 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjold Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November [illegible] during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 35th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Haiti, the United States, Ethiopia, New Zealand and Australia.

The coordinator for the draft convention on nuclear terrorism, Ms. Cate Steains, (Australia), presented an oral report.

Statements were also made by Armenia, Azerbaijan and the Sudan in the exercise of the right of reply.

The Committee concluded its debate on item 160.

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [157]

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Committee contained in document A/54/26.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Japan, Malaysia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, China, the Russian Federation and the United States.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.17

The representative of Cyprus introduced the draft resolution and orally revised it.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.17, as orally revised, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 157.

Review of the Statute of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal [161]

Action on draft decision A/C.6/54/L.20

The representative of the United Kingdom introduced the draft decision.

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/54/L.20 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 161.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.6

The representative of New Zealand introduced the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.6 without a vote.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.16

The representative of Canada introduced the draft resolution and orally revised it.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Cuba, Pakistan, Iraq and Yemen in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States spoke on a point of order.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee orally corrected the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.16, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

The representative of the Sudan spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The representative of France made a concluding statement.

Friday, 19 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4070th meeting

The situation between Iraq and Kuwait

Report of the Secretary-General pursuant to paragraph 6 of Security Council resolution 1242 (1999) (S/1999/1162 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 17 November 1999 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait (S/1999/1177)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1999/1180, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1999/1180).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, France, China, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, Argentina, the Netherlands, the Gambia, Brazil and Malaysia.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a further statement.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1999/1180) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1275 (1999).

Following the vote, a statement was made by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Slovenia.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

58th plenary meeting

A statement on the occasion of the tenth African Industrialization Day

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/445) [35]

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Slovenia, Argentina, New Zealand, Israel, Cambodia and Ecuador.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 57th plenary meeting, the observer of the Holy See made a statement.

The General Assembly was informed that a draft resolution under agenda item 35 would be submitted at a later date.

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries and regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.29)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [20 (c)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.22)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]:

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 20.

The representative of Greece made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.17/Rev.1.

The representative of Turkey made a statement in the course of which he also introduced draft resolution A/54/L.17/Rev.1.

The representative of Belarus made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.22.

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.29.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Japan and the Republic of Korea; H.E. Mr. Octavio Frigerio, Secretary of International Humanitarian Assistance "White Helmets" of Argentina; and by the representative of Algeria.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that sub-item (f) of agenda item 20 (Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan), would be considered together with agenda item 50 at a later date.

59th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

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Statements were made by the representative of India; H.E. Mr. Serguei Khetagurov, Vice-Minister for Civil Defence, Emergencies and Elimination of Consequences of Natural Disaster of the Russian Federation; the representatives of Chile, Mexico, Norway and China; H.E. Mr. Yurii Samoilenko, Chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Environmental and Chernobyl Problems of Ukraine; and by the representatives of Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, the United States, Brazil, Palestine, Egypt and Nigeria.

Programme of work

The Vice-President informed the General Assembly that the document A/INF/54/3/Add.3 contained the tentative programme of work and that the Assembly would be kept informed of other agenda items, as well as of any addition or changes.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE — 53rd and 54th meetings

Note: The summary of the 53rd and 54th meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/225).

FIFTH COMMITTEE — 39th meeting

Human resources management [164]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/450).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General contained in A/53/955, A/54/257, A/54/272, A/54/276, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/54/164 and A/C.5/54/4 and the notes by the Secretary-General contained in A/C.5/54/2, A/54/165 and A/C.5/54/21.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mozambique, Japan, the Syrian Arab Republic, Chile and the Russian Federation.

Statements were also made by the President of the Coordinating Committee for Independent Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCIUSA) and by the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants Associations (FICSA).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management replied to questions raised.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Human resources management [164]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Gratis personnel

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/470) relating to document A/53/1028 and also orally introduced the report of that Committee as relating to document A/54/533.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Human Resources Management introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/53/1028 and A/54/533).

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned- Movement) made a statement.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/54/30)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and Administrative and Budgetary Questions orally introduced the report of that Committee.

The report of the Secretary-General on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission (A/54/30) was before the Committee in document A/54/434.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider and take action on the administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission in the context of its consultations on the report of the International Civil Service Commission.

Revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee and Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/7/Add.2).

The report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates arising out of resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1999 was before the Committee in document A/54/443.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Cuba and India.

The Director of the Budget Division replied to questions raised.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica regarding her previous requests and Algeria on the problem of asbestos in the Secretariat Building.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement and drew the attention of the Committee to the work programme for the week of 22 to 26 November.

The representative of Egypt, Vice-Chairman and coordinator of informal consultations on agenda item 163 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B), also made a statement.

Statements were also made by the representatives the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Brazil, Morocco and Uganda.

The Secretary of the Committee replied to a question raised.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 36th meeting

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152]

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico (Rio Group), Japan, Myanmar, the Republic of Korea, Burkina Faso, the United Kingdom, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, France, Ukraine, the Netherlands and South Africa.

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [158]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.8/Rev.1

The representative of the Netherlands introduced the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.8/Rev.1 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 158.

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [152]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.19

The representative of Japan introduced the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Germany before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.19 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 152.

United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [153]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.14

The representative of Ghana introduced the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Solomon Islands before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.14 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 153.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1

The representative of Colombia introduced the draft resolution.

Statements were made by Finland and Côte d'Ivoire before the vote on operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted operative paragraph 10 by a recorded vote of 111 to 1, with 4 abstentions.

The representative of the United States spoke in explanation of the vote after the adoption of operative paragraph 10.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.7/Rev.1 without at vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Canada and the United Republic of Tanzania after the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 155.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1999

409th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the initial report of the Uzbekistan.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the item in closed session.

The Chairman then declared closed the twenty-third session of the Committee.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 1999

36th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee continued and concluded the public part of its consideration of the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

The Committee then met with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

37th meeting

Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee discussed the state of the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Solomon Islands (without report) with the participation of a representative of the Government.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Monetary Fund, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The observers of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council also participated in the discussion: Centre for Housing Rights and Evictions, Amnesty International and International Commission of Jurists.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: Nicaragua (18 November 1999)*

Tampere Convention on the Provision of Telecommunication Resources for Disaster Mitigation and Relief Operations. Tampere, 18 June 1998

Ratification: Nicaragua (18 November 1999)*

Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Aarhus, Denmark, 25 June 1998

Ratification: Ukraine (18 November 1999)*

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone

OPENING FOR SIGNATURE

The Protocol is scheduled to be open for signature by States members of the Economic Commission for Europe as well as States having consultative status with the Economic Commission for Europe, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Economic and Social Council resolution 36 (IV) of 28 March 1947, and by regional economic integration organizations, constituted by sovereign States members of the Economic Commission for Europe, which have competence in respect of the negotiation, conclusion and application of international agreements in matters covered by the Protocol, provided that the States and organizations concerned are Parties to the Convention and are listed in annex II, at Gothenburg (Sweden) on 30 November and 1 December 1999 and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 30 May 2000, in accordance with its article 14.

Delegations intending to sign the Protocol are advised to submit, as necessary, full powers in advance to the Treaty Section (room S-3200; tel: (212) 963-5047; fax: (212) 963-3693).

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania will hold a memorial service to pay tribute to the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, on Tuesday, 23 November 1999, at 5.30 p.m. at the Holy Family Church (315 East 47th Street). All are invited.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Pham Binh Minh
Chargé d'affaires

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 23 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

Briefing by the Secretariat

East Timor

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.5 *(item 101 (b))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. II, A/54/7 and A/54/16, (Part II: Political affairs, Section 3. Political affairs, Section 4. Disarmament, Section 5. Peacekeeping operations, Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space, Part III: International justice and law, Section 7. International Court of Justice, Section 8. Legal affairs (A/53/643)))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
6.30 p.m.-9.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations common system (A/54/30, A/53/688, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.15/Rev.1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

9 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
2.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (a)

The delegation of Sweden invites all delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance to the United Nations", to be held *today*, 23 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 23 November, at 10 a.m., and *tomorrow*, 24 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Informal consultations will also be held during the week of 29 November focusing on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.36 (Trade and development) (item 97 (c)) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 23 November 1999

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room C-209

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on environmental issues and women in development)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)

6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Special meeting

The closed meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will continue *today*, 23 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyedije, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel: (212) 963-4420).

Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) will be held *today*, 23 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/54/235) [8]

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

   (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

   (c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

2. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/54/L.26) [22]

3. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [41]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/447)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.35)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 43rd meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the suite of offices of Conference Room 3.

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The Disarmament Commission will hold open-ended informal consultations on its substantive agenda items and other organizational matters on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room E, to discuss further the proposed draft resolution on agenda item 18, which will be taken up in the plenary of the General Assembly.

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The third session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 29 November to 17 December 1999, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/105 of 10 December 1998.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 29 November 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language." Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November, 1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian Group of the Whole on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 19 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 53rd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.94

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Burundi and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.99

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Algeria orally corrected the draft resolution and announced that Colombia and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bangladesh, Chile, Haiti, Jamaica, Portugal, Suriname, the Republic of Korea, the United States and Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committed adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.62 and amendments in A/C.3/54/L.101

A statement was made by the Chairman.

Statements were made by the representative of Finland, and by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Pakistan, who spoke on points of order.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement of clarification.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, a statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

A statement was made by the Chairman.

After a statement was made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Committee agreed to postpone action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.62.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Algeria, Finland, Canada, the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, China and Cuba.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.83

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the corrections which had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Croatia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belarus, Brazil, Cameroon, the Congo, Costa Rica, Eritrea, Ghana, Liechtenstein, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Sierra Leone and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Pakistan requested a recorded separate vote on operative paragraph 8 of the text.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Cuba and China.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 8 by a recorded vote of 120 to none, with 27 abstentions.

Statements were made by the representatives of Benin and Singapore.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 141 to none, with 12 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.76

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Finland, Iceland, Malta and the Republic of Korea had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Sweden orally revised the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Myanmar.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote, after which statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Canada and Japan.

54th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Russian Federation announced that Afghanistan, Croatia and Iceland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cyprus joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the Ukraine.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.95

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Denmark further revised and corrected the text and announced that Croatia, Gabon, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Bahamas, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Micronesia (Federated States of), Panama and the Solomon Islands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised and corrected, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Singapore.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 111.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.71/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairman read out the oral correction that had been made to the text at the time of its introduction.

A statement was made by the representative of Egypt.

It was announced that Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Belize, Bhutan, Botswana, Burundi, Chad, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Jamaica, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, the Niger, Papua New Guinea, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Suriname, Swaziland, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago and Zimbabwe had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Gabon and Mauritius joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Algeria, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Cuba.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) proposed an amendment to the text of the draft resolution, after which the representative of Egypt requested a recorded vote on the proposed amendment.

The representative of Pakistan spoke on a point of order.

The representative of Japan, also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand, made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The amendment was rejected by a recorded vote of 44 to 92, with 22 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Madagascar.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution as a whole.

The representative of Chile made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 100 to 1, with 59 abstentions.

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of Cape Verde.

Human rights questions [116]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolutions

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.58

The Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairman orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote, after which a statement was made by the representative of Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.60 and amendments contained in A/C.3/64/L.92

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Chairman read out the revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Malta and Slovakia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland further orally revised the draft resolution.

The representative of the United States withdrew as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Russian Federation withdrew the amendment contained in A/C.3/54/L.92.

Statements were made by the representatives of Iraq, who requested a vote on the resolution, the Syrian Arab Republic, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Suriname and Haiti.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a recorded vote jointly on operative paragraphs 2 (a), 3 (g), 3 (i) and 3 (j) in the text of the draft resolution.

The Committee decided to retain the paragraphs by a recorded vote of 91 to 1, with 54 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote on the draft resolution as a whole were made by the representatives of the United States, Egypt, the Sudan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Benin.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as a whole, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 96 to 2, with 51 abstentions.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Benin and Pakistan.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Australia, Bulgaria, Canada, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Malta, Monaco, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and the United States had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland orally revised the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo in which he asked for a vote on the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland made a statement in which he proposed a postponement of the consideration of the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the United States, after which the Committee decided to postpone consideration of the draft resolution until Monday 22, November.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.87/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary of the Committee read out the revisions which had been to the text at the time of its introduction, after which a statement was made by the representative of Rwanda.

It was announced that Chile, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic and Iceland had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the United States joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Rwanda and Finland; after the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Rwanda.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq and Kuwait.

Monday, 22 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

60th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/619) [20]:

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations [20 (a)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/154 and Add.1)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.17/Rev.1)

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries and regions [20 (b)]:

(i) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/129/Rev.1, A/54/130/Rev.1, A/54/153, A/54/278, A/54/294, A/54/295, A/54/296, A/54/350, A/54/421, A/54/462, A/54/534)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.29)

(c) Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster [20 (c)]:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/449)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.22)

(d) Participation of volunteers, "White Helmets", in activities of the United Nations in the field of humanitarian relief, rehabilitation and technical cooperation for development: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/217) [20 (d)]:

(e) Assistance to the Palestinian people: report of the Secretary-General (A/54/134) [20 (e)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Tajikistan, Uganda, the Sudan, Pakistan, Israel and Grenada.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 58th plenary meeting, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/6 of 16 October 1990, the observer for the International Committee of the Red Cross made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/265 of 24 August 1994, the observer for the Sovereign Military Order of Malta made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/2 of 19 October 1994, the observer for the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.17/Rev.1 (resolution 54/30).

The Vice-President informed the Assembly that action on draft resolutions A/54/L.22 and A/54/L.29, as well as further draft resolution to be submitted under this item, would be taken at a later date.

Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

(a) Law of the sea:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

(b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

(c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and sea":

(i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429) and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

The representative of Finland made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/54/L.31, and also made a statement on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.28.

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/54/L.32.

The representative of Fiji made a statement (also on behalf of Australia, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), New Zealand, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu).

61st plenary meeting

Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

(a) Law of the sea:

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(ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

Statements were made by the representatives of Papua New Guinea, Ukraine, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Japan, Egypt, Solomon Islands, the Philippines, Jamaica, Iceland, Guatemala, China, Croatia, Slovakia, India, the Russian Federation and Viet Nam.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 55th and 56th meetings

Note: The summary of the 55th and 56th meetings of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/226).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 1999

38th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee held a preliminary discussion of the concluding observations regarding the second periodic report of Argentina (E/1990/6/Add.16) in closed meeting.

The Committee began the public part of its consideration of the initial report of Armenia (E/ 1990/5/Add.16).

39th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of the initial report of Armenia (E/1990/5/Add.16).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or be used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of These Prescriptions. Geneva, 20 March 1958

Accession: Bulgaria (22 November 1999)*

Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context. Espoo, Finland, 25 February 1991

Ratification: Slovakia (19 November 1999)*

Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971

Accession: Ukraine (18 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer. Copenhagen, 25 November 1992

Accession: Uganda (22 November 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Permanent Mission of the United Republic of Tanzania will hold a memorial service to pay tribute to the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, H.E. Mr. Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere, *today*, 23 November 1999, at 5.30 p.m. at the Holy Family Church (315 East 47th Street). All are invited.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 24 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Haiti (S/1999/1184)

UNDOF (S/1999/1175)*

Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/1999/1116 and Corr.1)**

Other matters

* With a view to a formal meeting.

** Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1418th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

Announcement

An open debate of the Security Council will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the role of the Security Council in the prevention of armed conflicts.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE

9 a.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several Member States (A/54/235) [8]

10 a.m. 62nd PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Oceans and the law of the sea [40]:

   (a) Law of the sea:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.31)

   (b) Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982, relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks:

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/461)

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.28)

   (c) Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas":

      (i) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/429 and Corr.1 (English only) and Corr.2 (French only))

      (ii) Draft resolution (A/54/L.32)

2. Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: draft resolution (A/54/L.26) [22]

3. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [41]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/447)

   (b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.35)

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

3 p.m closed meeting Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark)

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.31 and L.41

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

   (g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.9 and L.45

3. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.29 and L.43

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.28 and L.44

4. Operational activities for development [101]

   (b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.5 and L.47

5. Training and research [102]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.26 and L.42

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.30 and L.46

6. Macroeconomic policy questions [97]

   (c) Trade and development

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.40

7. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [103]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.32

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4 *(item 97 (d))*

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.10 *(item 99 (d))*, A/C.2/54/L.11 *(item 99 (e))*, A/C.2/54/L.21 *(item 99 (c))* and A/C.2/54/L.27 *(item 98 (a))*

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Daúl Matute (Peru), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.7 *(item 100)*, A/C.2/54/L.15 *(item 100 (c))* and A/C.2/54/L.23 *(item 100 (f))*

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. II, A/54/7 and A/54/16, (Part II: Political affairs, Section 5. Peacekeeping operations, Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space, Part III: International justice and law, Section 7. International Court of Justice, Section 8. Legal affairs (A/53/643)))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of Conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Programme budget implications: MINUGUA
2. Programme budget implications : The situation in Central America
3. United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL)

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on substantive agenda items and other organizational matters

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room E

Informal consultations: proposed draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c)

The delegation of Belarus, on behalf of the co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on draft resolution A/54/L.22 on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, to be held *today*, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 in the suite of offices of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 24 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Room CB-3 (suite of offices of Conference Room 3).

Informal consultations on agenda item 20

The delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the European Union draft resolution on safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel, to be held *today*, 24 November 1999, at 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations *today*, 24 November 1999, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The informal consultations will focus on the draft text of a political declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Informal consultations will also be held during the week of 29 November focusing on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.36 (Trade and development) (item 97 (c)) and A/C.2/54/L.37 (Least Developed Countries) (item97 (c)) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 24 November 1999

GROUP OF 77
(on the political declaration on "Women 2000")

9.30 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all environmental issues)

1.15 p.m.-2.15 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(coordination meeting: on all pending issues)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
6 p.m.-8 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

ASIAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Special meeting

The closed meeting of an Ad Hoc Expert Group on "Revisiting the Diversification of African Economies in the New Global Context", organized by the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), will continue *today*, 24 November, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8 and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting will be chaired by Dr. Ademola Oyedije, Professor of Economics at the University of Ibadan (Nigeria) and former member of the Committee for Development Policy. For further information, please contact Ms. Leslie Wade (tel: (212) 963- 4420).

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Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, *today*, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Thursday, 25 November 1999, *official holiday*.]

Friday, 26 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of Canada invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on "Assistance for humanitarian relief, rehabilitation, and development for East Timor", to be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The third session of the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court will be held from 29 November to 17 December 1999, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 53/105 of 10 December 1998.

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will hold a solemn meeting from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, 29 November 1999, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 32/40 B of 2 December 1977.

All representatives of Member States, United Nations bodies and agencies, as well as observers, are invited to attend. Messages of solidarity should be sent to room S-3362 (United Nations Headquarters).

Exhibit

The Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, will present a Palestinian art exhibit entitled "Follow the Star: Images from the Palestinian City of Bethlehem at the New Millennium", in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. The exhibit will be displayed from Monday, 29 November, to Sunday, 12 December 1999, at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

The formal opening of the exhibit will be held on Monday, 29 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Screening of films

Also in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged the screening of the films entitled "Yoom ilak, Yoom aleik: Palestinian Refugees from Jerusalem, 1948: Heritage, Eviction and Hope", and "Mahmoud Darwish: As The Land is The Language." Both films will be shown on Monday, 29 November,1 p.m. at the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The film on Mahmoud Darwish can be viewed at the exhibit area from Tuesday, 30 November, to Friday, 10 December, during exhibit hours.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Economic and Social Council, to consider all outstanding matters, will take place on Thursday, 9 December 1999, at 10.30 a.m. Informal consultations on pending issues will take place on Monday, 6 December, at 10 a.m. The conference room will be announced.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing, jointly with the German Management Academy (DMAN) and with support from the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), the second session in the series entitled "Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development". Session II will be on "Financing for Development Through Public-Private Partnership." The workshop will be held on the following dates: Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, 8 December, from 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note, a nomination form and a draft programme, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 30 November 1999. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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There will be a technical workshop, organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Program on Security and Development (SAND) of the Monterrey Institute of International Studies (MIIS) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), on Tuesday, 7 December 1999, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss a draft Light Weapons Field Guide for Development and Humanitarian Relief Workers being developed by SAND and BICC. The workshop will be chaired by the Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs, Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala. Members of permanent missions and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. Copies of the draft Field Guide may be retrieved from the office of Mr. David Biggs, Conventional Arms Branch, Department for Disarmament Affairs (room S-3170G; tel.: (212) 963-5598).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 22 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 55th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.79

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China).

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 101 to 47, with 6 abstentions.

A statement was made by the representative of Senegal.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Eritrea regarding their votes.

A/C.3/54/L.84

Statements were made by the representative of South Africa, on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China and Finland, after which the Committee agreed to postpone action on the draft resolution to the 56th meeting.

Human rights questions [116]

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.81 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.93

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Andorra, Australia, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Romania and Slovakia had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The representative of the Sudan withdrew the amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.93.

The representative of the United States requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Iraq.

The draft resolution, as orally revised, was adopted by a recorded vote of 81 to 28, with 42 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the Sudan and the United States; after the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Norway and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

56th meeting

Human rights questions [116]

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.82 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.97

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of the United States further orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Croatia, Israel and Poland had joined as sponsors.

A statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The representative of the Russian Federation withdrew the amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.97 and requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution.

The draft resolution was adopted, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 101 to 3, with 36 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Cuba. Subsequently, statements were made by the representatives of China and Japan.

A/C.3/54/L.86 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.96

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United States further orally revised the draft resolution and announced that Austria, Belgium, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Morocco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom had joined as sponsors.

Subsequently, Andorra, Iceland, Ireland, Jordan, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco and San Marino joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Russian Federation withdrew the amendments in A/C.3/54/L.96 and requested a recorded vote on section III and sections I and II jointly of the draft resolution.

The Committee decided to retain section III of the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 105 to 3, with 26 abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain sections I and II of the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 107 to none, with 28 abstentions.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, by a recorded vote of 112 to 2, with 26 abstentions.

After the vote, a statement in explanation of vote as made by the representative of Croatia.

A/C.3/54/L.63

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Finland further orally revised the draft resolution.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who requested a recorded vote on the draft resolution, Finland, Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi.

The draft resolution, as further orally revised, was adopted by a recorded vote of 80 to 8, with 47 abstentions.

The Committee concluded its consideration of the sub-item.

Human rights questions [116]

b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolutions

A/C.3/54/L.62 and amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.101

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran orally revised the draft resolution and announced that El Salvador, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Morocco had joined as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Kenya joined as a sponsor of the draft resolution.

The representative of Finland withdrew the amendments contained in A/C.3/54/L.101.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Japan.

A/C.3/54/L.84

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China) orally revised the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

A/C.3/54/L.85

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

A statement was made by the representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and China).

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) requested a recorded vote jointly on the eighth and thirteenth preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 3 (c), 3 (e), 13, 21 and 22.

A statement was made by the representative of Chile.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of Norway.

The representative of the Russian Federation requested a recorded vote on the paragraphs individually.

The Committee decided to retain the eighth preambular paragraph by a recorded vote of 90 to 39, with 2 abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain the thirteenth preambular paragraph by a recorded vote of 91 to 40, with no abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 3 (c) by a recorded vote of 94 to 38, with 2 abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 3 (e) by a recorded vote of 96 to 36, with no abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 13 by a recorded vote of 92 to 41, with no abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 21 by a recorded vote of 90 to 41, with 2 abstentions.

The Committee decided to retain operative paragraph 22 by a recorded vote of 93 to 39, with 0 abstentions.

The representative of the Congo made a statement regarding his vote.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Canada, Algeria and Pakistan.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution by a recorded vote of 98 to 10, with 32 abstentions.

Before the vote, a statement in explanation of vote was made by the representative of Japan.

Subsequently, a statement was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union).

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of several reports under sub-items (b) and (e).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 116 as a whole.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

A/54/18 and Add.1

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/54/18). It also decided to refer the issue contained in decision 4/55 of the report back to the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for further consideration, in the light of the information contained in A/54/18/Add.1.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 114.

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Draft biennial programme of work of the Committee (document A/C.3/54/L.100)

The Chief of the Documentation Programming and Monitoring Unit of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services introduced and orally revised the document.

Following statements by the representatives of Algeria, Slovenia and Mongolia, the Committee adopted the draft biennial programme of work for 2000-2001, as orally revised and corrected.

Draft decision

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of the report of the Economic and Social Council, contained in document A/54/3, in particular chapters I, III, IV, V, VII (sections A, C, and I) and chapter IX, which were allocated to the Third Committee.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

Conclusion of the work of the Third Committee

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Algeria (on behalf of the group of African States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the group of Asian States), Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Croatia (on behalf of the group of Eastern European States).

The Chairman declared the work of the Committee for the fifty-fourth session completed.

Tuesday, 23 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE 37th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.15/Rev.1

The Coordinator introduced and orally amended draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.15/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the Syrian Arab Republic and Lebanon.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.15/Rev.1, as orally amended, by a vote of 116 to none, with 3 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Sudan, Lebanon, Pakistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, the United States, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Benin, Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Congo and Yemen.

The Committee this concluded its consideration of agenda item 160.

Conclusion of the work of the Sixth Committee

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Viet Nam (on behalf of the Asian States), the United States (on behalf of the Western European and Other States), Croatia (on behalf of the Eastern European States) and Algeria (on behalf of the African States).

The Sixth Committee thus concluded its work.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 1999

40th meeting

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee concluded the public part of its consideration of the initial report of Armenia (E/1990/5/Add.36).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

41st meeting

The Committee held a preliminary discussion of the concluding observations regarding the initial report of Armenia (E/1990/5/Add.36) in closed session.

The Committee then began the public part of its consideration of the initial report of Cameroon (E/1990/5/Add.35).

In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

World AIDS Day

An observance of World AIDS Day will be held on Wednesday, 1 December 1999, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The theme is "The Children Left Behind," children who have been orphaned by the AIDS-related deaths of one or both parents. Speakers include the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the Deputy Secretary-General, United States First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, H.M. Queen Noor Al Hussein of Jordan and UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Harry Belafonte. Three children orphaned by AIDS, from the United States, Uganda and Thailand, will tell their stories to Children's Express Reporter Alexandra Burke, followed by two panels: "Child care, Child welfare and clinical issues" and "Finance and funding issues". The observance is co-sponsored by Department of Public Information (DPI), the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS, Inc. (BLCA), the Magic Johnson Foundation, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Bank, the White House Office of National AIDS Policy and the Global Health Council. Delegations and accredited media are welcome; Secretariat staff and NGOs will be admitted, space permitting, to the public gallery.

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